

## Recession pushes jobless up to postwar record

Number of unemployed in Great Britain reached a record postwar level. Seasonally adjusted figures show that the total rose to 1,200,000 in the four weeks to August 11, and is expected to exceed one million next month.

The crude total, before adjustment and including school-leavers and adult students, reached almost 1,200,000 in Great Britain and 1,250,000 in the United Kingdom. The figures confirm the impact of recession on jobs.

## Increase exceeds Chancellor's forecast

The Government has decided against any reflationary moves in the near future. Mr. Healey has said the Government will continue to pursue its policy of reducing inflation.

The abrupt rise in the total of jobless was forecast about eighteen months ago by Professor David Laidler, then of Manchester University. He said it would be a direct consequence of the rapid slowdown in money supply growth engineered by the Government last year.

It noted with concern that two out of every three of those who have come on to the unemployment register in the past month were school leavers.

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Most other forecasters, like the Government, have proved far too optimistic in their assessment of the employment outlook. In addition to the rise in the number of unemployed, there has been a reduction in job opportunities. The number of unfilled vacancies on August 6 was 135,768 in Great Britain, almost 7,000 fewer than last month.

Mr. James Jack, the general secretary of the Scottish TUC, called for urgent government action to stimulate employment prospects in Scotland. Mr. David Bassett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, described the figures as appalling. He said they made the need to implement the TUC's agreement with the Government on counter-inflation measures more urgent than ever.



Mrs. Galina Chudnovskaya, from Leningrad, visiting her daughter Irina, aged nine months, in Brompton Hospital, London, yesterday, six days after a heart operation on her baby. Irina was the first child to come to Britain under the new Anglo-Soviet health agreement.

## Angry protests greet Dr Kissinger in Israel

From Eric Marsden  
Jerusalem, Aug 21  
Dr. Henry Kissinger's arrival in Israel yesterday was greeted by angry demonstrations outside the airport.

The police have acquired special equipment to deal with this. As the King David Hotel, Dr. Kissinger's headquarters, he was met by a crowd in which Israeli and United States security men seemed to outnumber journalists and hotel guests. He was met by a faint roar of applause.

The United States Secretary of State said he had left Israel last March with a heavy heart, fearing that "still more tragedy was in store for the people of Israel and of the Middle East". He added: "I return with the same concern but with renewed hope that the strong desire for peace will prevail."

No one without authorization was allowed within 200 yards of the hotel. On the King David terrace, a girl played a harp for afternoon tea guests as police sirens roared outside.

Angry demonstrators outside the airport were barred from entering by strong detachments of security forces behind iron barriers. Dr. Kissinger, who was welcomed by Mr. Allon, the Foreign Minister, made a brief statement on the tarmac before leaving by helicopter for Jerusalem.

These were not easy times for Israel, he said. Every course of action carried risks, but the risk of inaction was the greatest of all. The difficult phase through which Israel-United States relations had passed, was over and they were pursuing common purposes.

Mr. Kissinger's helicopter passed over the heads of the demonstrators and landed at the YMCA football field across the road from his hotel. He was spared the sight of posters declaring him to be "Israel's false Messiah" and accusing him of selling out the country.

Close aides of President Sadat maintain that only Israel now holds the key to success or failure of Dr. Kissinger's mission. "So far as we are concerned there could have been an agreement long ago."

In a rival demonstration members of the left-wing Mapai Party drove in 70 cars from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem shouting slogans in support of the interim agreement.

According to the Egyptians, the issues that Dr. Kissinger will attempt to iron out concern Israel's demands for proof of Egyptian intentions towards peace as well as some "modalities" of the actual agreement. However, the Egyptians believe that the remaining obstacles will become insurmountable only if Israel chooses to make them so.

## Civil war in Timor as Portugal loses control

From Michael Knipe  
Lisbon, Aug 21  
The Portuguese Government admitted today that its forces can no longer control the situation on its far-eastern colony of Timor, where fighting has broken out between three political groups.

An official communiqué received here from Dili said many people had been killed or wounded in the fighting. The three groups struggling for power are the Timor Democratic Union (UDT), which wants the colony to stay with Lisbon in a federation until it can stand alone; Fretilin, which favours immediate independence; and the People's Democratic Association of Timor (APD), which advocates integration with Indonesia.

The Portuguese Government had decided to increase diplomatic activity and other measures to stabilize the situation, to diminish tension and to seek areas of agreement between the rival groups, the communiqué added. The Government also intended to evacuate those Portuguese who wished to leave. Help for foreign nationals was being sought from the International Red Cross.

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According to reports from the island, Portuguese forces control only the area around the docks in the capital, Dili. The Portuguese population was concentrated round the military garrison, but the Revolutionary Front for an Independent

Timor (Fretilin) controlled the military headquarters in Macao. The Portuguese authorities in Timor, proclaiming themselves helpless in the grip of a civil war, today appealed for international intervention to stop further bloodshed.

The Secretary of State was tonight the guest of Mr. Rabin at the Knesset before going on to a working dinner at the Prime Minister's home. Mr. Martin writes from Alexandria: Egypt remains quietly confident that American determination to forge a new Sinai accord will prevail. Egyptian officials have made it clear that they do fear last minute hitches, but in their view the remaining unsolved points do not constitute "major obstacles".

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## US relaxes Cuba trade ban

From Fred Emery  
Washington, Aug 21  
From today American subsidiaries abroad will be granted licences for trade with Cuba. Countries whose ships and aircraft are involved in the Cuban trade will also no longer be

penalized with the loss of official American assistance and the vessels will no longer be denied bunkering or refuelling in American ports. The ban on direct trade between the United States and Cuba remains in force, however.



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## Whitelaw pledges support for pay policy

Clark  
respondent  
The Government has pledged support for the pay policy of the Conservative Party. Mr. Whitelaw, Minister for Overseas Development, said that the Government would support the pay policy of the Conservative Party.

That was an obvious reference to the trouble Mr. Wilson is having with some members of the Tribune group of Labour MPs who are refusing to support the policy. Probably he also had in mind the passage in Mr. Wilson's speech in which he appealed to everyone to stand up for the policy and to reject the appeal of "minorities" who might want to break it.

Mr. Whitelaw emphasized that pay restraint could be only part of a counter-inflation policy; on its own it would certainly not be enough. Mr. Wilson had said little about the management of the economy and the restraint in public spending, which it was widely recognized must form an essential part of any effective policy. Under the present Government the amount of the taxpayers' money that the Government would support the Government.

## Chief in tangle

Parker  
Supr. Denis Hohan, who are in a tangle over yesterday's joint Yorkshire newspaper executives who are the sabotage at the Test ground.

## Shipping 'put at risk' by cuts in Navy's ocean surveys after defence review

By Michael Horswell  
The Royal Navy's Hydrographic Service, which charts the oceans, can no longer carry out its work adequately, according to a report being studied by the Government.

The report, which has not yet been published, says that without a massive injection of money up-to-date coverage of some waters used by British shipping will no longer be possible, and that shipping might be endangered. The Ministry of Defence would not comment yesterday on the findings of the Hydrographic Study Group set up by the Government in July last year.

## Start to Prentice campaign for political survival

In a memorandum supporting his appeal against his constituency management committee's decision to drop him as an MP at the next general election, Mr. Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, has told the Labour Party's national executive that if his experience is repeated in other constituencies where "unrepresentative groups" gain control then cowardice will become a condition for political survival in the party.



Robbie Charlton, the former Manchester United and England footballer, resigned yesterday as manager of Preston North End because he could not agree with the directors on their proposal to sell the club captain, John Bird, to Newcastle United.

## No Rhodesia delay Africans demand

The delegation from the Rhodesian African National Council which is to meet Mr. Smith for constitutional talks on Monday, will demand a swift takeover of power from the white regime. It will not agree to a transitional government.

## 'Harsh sentences' call

An appeal for magistrates to be given extra powers of punishment and for more effective means of making parents responsible for their children's wrongdoing was made last night by the Police Federation, the policemen's "union".

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## HOME NEWS

## Miners expected to approve pay peg policy but with much less enthusiasm than forecast

By Paul Routledge  
Labour Editor

Polling in the miners' secret ballot on the Government counter-inflation measures ended last night with strong indications that the vote has gone in favour but a great deal less so than optimistic forecasts.

In the three weeks of voting the pendulum has swung from a heavy majority for the recommendation of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers towards markedly less enthusiasm for the £6 a week pay-rise limit.

But in the traditionally moderate Nottinghamshire coalfield have recorded a variety of responses, ranging from a fifty-fifty split over the issue to a three-to-one vote in favour. The poll there has proved less enthusiastic than expected because of a left-wing campaign to oppose wage restraint policy.

In another "barometer" coalfield, the north-west, the outcome of the vote is understood to be equally divided, with two plus voting against the national recommendation which was backed locally by the Lancashire area council, but one small branch has gone six-to-one in support.

In Yorkshire, where first returns suggested that the biggest and most militant coalfield would swing marginally behind the £6 limit, later developments suggest that the balance might be tipped the other way. Some large left-wing pits have produced majorities of more than 70 per cent against the White Paper *The Attack on Inflation* during the past week, counter-

acting equally impressive votes of confidence in the Government-TUC initiative expressed elsewhere in the coalfield.

That leaves the militant coalfields of Scotland and South Wales to make up for the weight of moderate votes cast in the smaller coalfields, and among white-collar workers, mechanics, craftsmen and transport workers in the industry. Overall the ballot result will come as a relief to moderate NUM leaders, enabling them to cast the union's vote for the "redeveloped" social contract at the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool in 10 days' time. But it leaves the question of how far the miners will translate their support in a ballot to backing for the counter-inflation measures when negotiations in the industry open next February.

Mr Owen Briscoe, secretary of the Yorkshire miners, said last night:

Naturally there is great allegiance to the Labour Party, and rightly so. But I do not think the men realize fully the implications of this. They do not know that in February or March next year, when I can foresee a deterioration of living standards of something like 20 per cent, I think they will realize then the folly of accepting a wage freeze at a time when prices are being allowed to run riot; knowing the miners, I think they will react with their feet.

They would react "the only way they know, irrespective of what they have committed themselves to previously," he added. The Nottinghamshire vote has clearly been affected by the left-wing campaign mounted by eight miners in the

coalfield who have distributed leaflets calling on the men to give "a resounding 'No' vote in this ballot and uphold the dignity and fighting spirit of the miners."

The authors, who gave their names, called on voters to "be loyal to Labour principles" and argued: "It is those who support wage restraint who are bringing disaster to Labour. This is what has happened before. Every Labour government has been defeated because of disillusionment caused by adopting capitalist policies. It must not happen again."

In the wake of that campaign, Mr Joe Whelan, communist financial secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners and one of the coalfield's two representatives on the NUM national executive, forecast last night that the outcome of the ballot would be "a hollow victory."

The ballot paper distributed to more than 250,000 members of the NUM posed the question "Are you in favour of the national executive committee's recommendation that the union should support the efforts of the Government to combat inflation?"

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If opponents win, 'cowardice will become a condition of survival in Labour Party'  
Mr Prentice launches his campaign to remain an MBy George Clark  
Political Correspondent

Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, who has appealed to the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party against the decision of the management committee of his constituency, Newham, North-east, to drop him at the next general election, says in a memorandum supporting his appeal that if the situation he is facing is repeated in other constituencies where "unrepresentative groups" gain control the whole character of the party will be changed.

If a sitting MP is to be subjected to such treatment simply because most of the management committee members do not agree with his political views, and for no other reason, then Mr Prentice argues, cowardice will become a condition for political survival in the Labour Party.

That would have a big impact on the complexion of the

party in Parliament and would prejudice its chances of winning the support of a wider electorate at general elections.

Indeed, Mr Prentice presses his case even further. The application of what has come to be known as "the Mikardo principles", allowing a constituency party to select and "de-select" an MP during the lifetime of a parliament, would damage the parliamentary system itself and destroy the Labour Party as it now exists, he maintains.

Therefore Mr Prentice asks the national executive to make its decision on his appeal a political one. He wants it to be based on a narrow interpretation of the rules, but rather to consider the matter as a constitutional issue.

He also tells the executive that he has been more faithful to the party's principles than has any of his critics.

His appeal comes at a time when the Social Democratic Alliance, which has been formed by moderates in consti-

tuency parties, is saying that 20 other Labour MPs are threatened by similar action in their constituencies. The alliance has said that if the trend is successful the party's electoral prospects will be destroyed.

The "Mikardo principles" were set out in a speech by Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, and a former chairman of the party, made at the annual conference last November.

Speaking to the national executive, he said he would fight for the right of the constituency Labour parties, without any qualification at all, they being the only authority to decide who should be a candidate.

The constituency party, he said, had to "carry the can" and the "jolly" and organize all the work to see that its candidate was elected. "Of course, if they have the right to select, they must have also have the right to 'de-select'."

Mr Mikardo added: "That goes without saying."

A constituency party would not be interfered with by the national executive so long as the proper constitutional procedures were carried out. "I have never believed that the selection of a man as Labour candidate by a constituency Labour party is a tickler for life," he said.

If a situation developed in which there was incompatibility between a constituency party and an MP it was in the interest of the MP as well for him to seek another constituency, and for the party to seek another candidate.

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Setting out the history of events at Newham, the minister suggests that it has been a model illustration of how a local party can be taken over by an unrepresentative group, a phrase used by Mr Wilson in

the letter to one of the Porters indicating that the party should be re-organized.

In his letter Mr Prentice has said that the party should be re-organized. The next step is that the party should be re-organized.

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By Our Education Correspondent

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## 21 direct-grant schools declare they will go independent

By Tim Devlin  
Education Correspondent

Twenty-one of the 173 direct-grant schools in England and Wales have told the Government that they will go independent of the Government of their decision. It is significant that 21 have done so. They are but the tip of an iceberg.

The schools have until the end of this year to sign a declaration of intent to join the state system. Mr Cobban predicted that between 80 and 100 would decide to go independent.

He said: "By a doctrinaire decision that a school can sign the declaration of intent to enter the national system of education only if it forswears academic selection the Secretary of State (for Education and Science) has compelled many of these schools to take the path of full independence."

This will make their continued cooperation and co-existence with comprehensive schools, which has happened so far, good an education in the comprehensive schools, he said.

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## Journalists given assurance on use of police

From a Staff Reporter  
Birmingham

Officials of the Birmingham branch of the National Union of Journalists were assured yesterday by Mr P. D. Knights, the Chief Constable of the West Midlands, that it was not the policy of the force to use plainclothes officers to deal with industrial disputes.

The meeting came after an expression of concern to him and to Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, after the arrest of 10 journalists in an incident outside *The Birmingham Post* and *Evening Mail* offices on August 8.

The journalists, dismissed over a pay dispute, have been picketing the building since early July.

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Useless degrees.

"Many students will be told that they can take a degree course provided it is useful": a critique of government policy towards colleges, by Eric Robinson, is published today in *The Higher Education Supplement*.

## Shipping 'put in danger if ocean survey shrinks'

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Ministry of Defence by the Department of Energy of the cost of engaging in energy source exploration. It also calls for a contribution from Persian Gulf countries towards operating a ship there.

Senior officers in the Hydrographic Service resent the little importance that has been attached to it. The service is the oldest branch of the Admiralty, and has charted oceans for 180 years. It consists of a fleet with 750 men and 13 ships, as well as shore establishments.

The work the service does has increased, but it has been to take its share of reductions in the Navy. Its present spending is about £7m a year. The report says growing requirements can no longer be contained within the shrinking defence budget.

Although many of these requirements will be concentrated in home waters and can continue to be met by joint or common programmes of surveying, the existing capacity of the Hydrographic Service is insufficient to carry out the work which has been identified, even at home, except over a protracted period extending to the end of the century.

While it should be the aim to encourage the development of overseas hydrographic organisations to enable us to make a properly planned withdrawal from the area, there is a progressively mounting risk to their safety, their cargoes and the lives of their crews; a correspondingly growing risk of environmental pollution; and a rising risk to the marine insurance community with its detrimental effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments.

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The report considers the dangers to shipping if waters are unsurveyed: "To the extent that the charts are already inadequate, that the seabed is largely unsurveyed and gradually changing, and that ships of steadily increasing draught are transiting the area, there is a progressively mounting risk to their safety, their cargoes and the lives of their crews; a correspondingly growing risk of environmental pollution; and a rising risk to the marine insurance community with its detrimental effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments."

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## Case intent to squat dismissed

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## Shipping 'put in danger if ocean survey shrinks'

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Ministry of Defence by the Department of Energy of the cost of engaging in energy source exploration. It also calls for a contribution from Persian Gulf countries towards operating a ship there.

Senior officers in the Hydrographic Service resent the little importance that has been attached to it. The service is the oldest branch of the Admiralty, and has charted oceans for 180 years. It consists of a fleet with 750 men and 13 ships, as well as shore establishments.

The work the service does has increased, but it has been to take its share of reductions in the Navy. Its present spending is about £7m a year. The report says growing requirements can no longer be contained within the shrinking defence budget.

Although many of these requirements will be concentrated in home waters and can continue to be met by joint or common programmes of surveying, the existing capacity of the Hydrographic Service is insufficient to carry out the work which has been identified, even at home, except over a protracted period extending to the end of the century.

While it should be the aim to encourage the development of overseas hydrographic organisations to enable us to make a properly planned withdrawal from the area, there is a progressively mounting risk to their safety, their cargoes and the lives of their crews; a correspondingly growing risk of environmental pollution; and a rising risk to the marine insurance community with its detrimental effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments.

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## Threat of Protestant 'no-go' areas as violence grows in Ulster

From Christopher Walker  
Belfast

The latest increase in sectarian violence continued unabated in Northern Ireland yesterday as the British Government was faced with a threat of the reintroduction of "loyalist" no-go areas in Protestant strongholds throughout the province.

During the day two men were shot dead and another was seriously wounded in incidents of the type that has once again become familiar in Belfast and which has raised sectarian tension to a level not seen before this year.

This morning Mr Orme, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, has agreed to meet a delegation from the powerful Ulster Loyalist Central Coordinating Committee, the most representative of the many loyalist "umbrella" organisations. Mr Orme is deputising for Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, who is on holiday in England.

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# Police want justices be allowed to ss heavier sentences

Police Federation last night for extra for magistrates to more severe punish- and for more effective of making parents res- for their children's

Police Federation, the police- after a day of talks by the executive, on what it the frightening increase in crime. Society's leniency to lawbreakers had encour- age, it said.

However, its recommenda- not with any reaction the Howard League for Reform and the National for Civil Liberties, accused of over-simpli- the crime situation.

Police Federation exec- said: "There is a growing dis- for the basic principles and order, and the num- records of crime has risen from 250,000 immedi- after the war to well over two million last year. A situation is reaching alarming proportions that Police Federation believes

# Councils join to fight used-car frauds

By Christopher Warman  
Local Government Correspondent

West Midlands County Council is soon to initiate an attempt by local authorities to combat fraudulent secondhand car sales. In consultation with other councils, it has decided to establish a national register to check the pedigrees of vehicles, particularly their milages.

Four of the six metropolitan county councils—West Midlands, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire have decided to join the scheme, and the computerized information will be stored in North Yorkshire County Council's computer. It is hoped that the scheme will eventually cover all local authorities.

The consumer protection department of the West Midlands council has found that trading in secondhand cars is one of its main concerns. More local authorities have proof of consumer dissatisfaction with used cars, and the West Midlands alone received more than a thousand complaints between April, 1974, and March, 1975.

One of the commonest mal- practices is lowering the mileage on the indicator. This "clock- ing" of cars is also difficult to prove. It has been often found on vehicles previously used as business cars, or by hire com- panies, and usually through un- scrupulous car auctions.

The "clocking" of vehicles is a criminal offence, but proving it is a complex, time-consuming process.

A national register, with a central computer, would score vehicle histories received from officers visiting car auctions. Officers of the West Midlands consumer protection department have been visiting the main auctions in the area this year and have monitored 250 to 300 vehicles a week.

It is hoped that when the system is fully operative it will be possible to check many suspect sales at auctions or at the pre- mises of "bomb-site" dealers, in a matter of days.

The department said that if unscrupulous dealers were aware that computer records of milages existed they would be less inclined to indulge in fraud.



Mr Colin Dean, a member of the campaign to free George Davis, before his arrest (as reported on page 1) at Victoria Park, east London, yesterday.

# Politics 'may ruin idea of community council'

By Geoffrey Browning

There is a risk that statutory neighbourhood councils will become a party political battlefield rather than a genuine forum for the expression of local views, the Labour Party has told the Department of the Environment.

The department's discussion paper on neighbourhood councils raised the question whether a statutory framework would be of assistance to their develop- ment, and, if so, what powers and resources should be made available.

In its evidence, the Labour Party argues that there is no need at this stage for a statu- tory framework and that re- sources are not available in the present financial situation to set up what might be inter- preted as yet another tier of local government.

If neighbourhood councils were constrained by a statutory framework their role as agencies of social innovation could no longer be fulfilled. Experiments such as door-to-door balloting for elections, which took place recently in south Liverpool, would not be possible.

The party emphasizes that all measures to increase partici- pation should aim at altering the present situation where the more advantaged pressure groups are more often effective rather than those representing the most deprived.

The party recognizes that voluntary neighbourhood councils are only one form of community action, and suggests that after two years a full evaluation should be made of the effective- ness not only of voluntary neighbourhood councils but of other community action groups.

All district councils should encourage all forms of com- munity action, including "vol- untary" neighbourhood councils and office facilities, and the support of community develop- ment officers should be made available.

# Minister supports growth in rural South-west

Planning Reporter

Government has broadly endorsed the conclusions of last report by the South West Planning Council, forecast that the popula- tion of the region would grow by a third in the next 20 years.

The report, suggesting that authorities should plan large-scale migration from parts of the country, controversy when it was made. The Council for Rural England had suggested as and argued that the beauty of the region be damaged beyond

Mr Silkin, Minister for Housing and Local Govern- ment, said yesterday in a letter to Digby, acting chairman of a planning council, that government could not agree

# EEC cash plea for tunnel link

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# Pollution warning centre to be set up in Britain

By Pearce Wright  
Science Editor

A research centre to carry out a two-year study into the type of international early warning systems needed to safe- guard food supplies and the environment from pollution is being established in Britain.

The investigating team, to be known as the Monitoring and Assessment Research Centre, is being formed at Chelsea College, London University, with a grant of more than £330,000 from the United Nations Environment Programme and the Rockefeller Foundation.

A parallel three-year project costing £90,000 and paid for by the Department of the Environment, has already started at the centre into the effectiveness of British early- warning measurements.

The director of the unit is Professor Gordon Goodman. In addition to protecting human health and the air, land and sea, the purpose of devis-

# Support for fewer airports

By a Staff Reporter

The fewer airports in South Wales and the west of England the better, says an internal study of the future of the area's five airports in the next decade commissioned by the Civil Aviation Authority.

The study, one of a series produced in an effort to develop a national airport strategy, leaves the authority to make up its mind on the significance of the findings. But passenger forecasts to 1985 show up to two thirds of potential passen- gers going to London or Bir- mingham to catch aircraft.

The more airports, the less cost in time and travel to pas- sengers, the study says. But air- costs go up so fast that it would be cheaper overall to have no airports at Glamorgan, Bristol, Exeter, Bournemouth and Southampton.

Airport Development in South Wales and the South West Region of England (CAA, PO Box 41, Cheltenham. £3.75 by post).

# Observer' cuts accepted by rd print union

Labour Staff

Members of the National Graphical Association have backed proposals for cuts in printing at the Observer. It is one of the three printing unions to support staff cuts.

The decision was made "in- ple" at a meeting of the members of the NGA chapel (e) branch. It means that prospects for the survival of the newspaper are now

Joe Wade, assistant secretary of the NGA, at night said the decision was in matters of detail. "I reasonably optimistic that will not prevent a final agreement being made."

Three printing unions agreed some time ago for- reductions, subject to approval. Special hour meetings of both the y of Graphical and Allied (Sogat) and the al Society of Operative rs, Graphical and Media (Naisopa) have al- given approval.

# Police officers lied about crash between panda cars

From Arthur Osman  
West Bromwich

Two young police panda car drivers panicked after their vehicles had collided, West Bromwich Magistrates' Court was told yesterday. They made up a story that a car had been in collision with a dark-coloured 1800 car that had not stopped.

Constables Christopher Terence Holden, aged 22, of Greenhill Lane, Wheaton Aston, Staffordshire, and Anthony Wil- liam Hall, aged 21, of Spring- field, Rushall, Staffordshire, both members of the West Midlands Force, admitted the charges. They were each fined £100 with £20 costs for "causing wasteful employment of the police," contrary to the Criminal Law Act, 1967, and £35 each for driving without due care.

Mr Trevor Lee, for the prose- cutor, said both officers had been driving panda patrol cars, early on April 28 in West Bromwich. PC Hall had noticed his colleague's car in his mirror and accelerated and turned right. As he did so, PC Holden's panda collided violently with his off side, hit the kerb and was virtually written off. His own car was extensively damaged.

A great deal of police time was taken up trying to trace the non-existent 1800 car. It quickly became apparent that there were inconsistencies in the story. There was no debris in the road at the spot where PC Hall's car was supposed to have been hit, and laboratory exami- nation showed that the vehicles had been in collision with each other.

In a statement, PC Holden said: "We were frightened and shocked about what had hap- pened. Being in a state of shock I did not realize what would happen and if I had had time to calm down and rest, I would not have told the story."

PC Hall said: "I immediately started to panic and thought how two police officers could explain such a disastrous situa- tion. I realized the story would not be believed, but I could not force myself at the time to explain what had happened."

Mr George Brown, for the defence, said the officers would lose their jobs.

# Our youths fined £200 for attacking French visitors

Our Correspondent  
Loughborough

More youths who took in an attack last Friday on a party of French teen- on a good will camping in Britain were each fined yesterday. On Monday miners were each fined for their part in the raid on 10 visitors from Lough- bourn, when they were in their tents near their town of Calverton.

Incident has brought a reaction from mining es in Calverton. Collec- are being made on behalf French people, who are no Wednesday.

Yesterday Nottingham magi- heard Jean Pierre, aged 17, one of the in- visitors, describe how he fringed out of a tent by

# Insurance cover frees airfield for pop festival

By Martin Huckerby

Official permission for the Watchfield Free Festival to take over a former airfield in Oxfordshire was finally granted yesterday when the organizers reached agreement with the Government on in- surance and signed the licence for the use of the site.

Mr Donald Aitken, one of the organizing committee, said they were obtaining necessary insurance to cover possible accidents.

Mr Airey Neave, Conserva- tive MP for Abingdon, which includes Watchfield, said yesterday he would call on the Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman) to make a report on the Government's handling of the festival. He said that a significant charge for the festival was bound to fall on the taxpayers and rate- payers.

# Blads recommended for this weekend

Recent sharp fall in lettuce makes salads the obvious for holiday weekend. Prices vary consider- depending on local con- s but 16p a head seems sonable top price to pay as or Webbs. I would not for paying more than 12p round lettuce.

atoes remain plentiful and at 10p or 12p a pound, as supplies continue to in from Guernsey and in addition to home-grown es. Radishes and spring are also fairly cheap at 10p a bunch.

e of the more exotic bles are surprisingly cheap, at 8p to 12p a pound and artichokes good value as an alternative to peas ins.

an alternative to chicken, a good buy at this time

# Food prices

Patricia Tisdall

of year, some stores are also offering turkey at special prices. Safeway, Keymarket, Tesco and Debenhams are selling turkeys during the coming week at between 36p and 37p a pound, which means that birds weighing from 5lb to 9lb may cost less than a joint of beef, pork or lamb.

Fish is less plentiful than last weekend and cod, plaice and had- dock are expected to be a little dearer. Some districts have been able to obtain stocks of Cornish mackerel, which are good value at 20p to 25p a pound.

Blackberries are in the shops at between 25p and 30p a pound

and there is a wide selection of plums, from 16p a pound upwards.

Other good fruit buys continue to be Spanish melons: grapes from Spain and Cyprus are plen- ful and cheap. English and French apple supplies are beginning to increase. The first of the English Tydemans' of the Worcester are expected to arrive in the shops soon at about 20p a pound. Oranges are a little cheaper at between 3p and 7p. Bacon cheaper: Cuts of up to 4p a pound in bacon prices are expected next week because of a sudden slump in wholesale prices yesterday (the Press Association reports). led by the Danes, Britain's biggest bacon suppliers, imported prices were reduced by 24s a ton, and British curers reluctantly decided to make a similar reduction next week.

In retail terms, that means over- all price cuts of about 2p a pound, with gammon rashers down by 4p a pound. The reductions have been caused by a fall in demand.

# Electricity working with Marks & Spencer

252 STORES IN NEW ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

# Sir Marcus sets the pace

Encouraging staff to be energy- minded; immediate measures to cut waste and over-consumption; top priority for energy management in future developments—these are key points in the new Marks and Spencer energy management programme in- augurated by the Chairman, Sir Marcus Sieff.



"It is vital to the nation that all sectors of the community develop the right mental attitude towards energy conservation," wrote Sir Marcus recently in The Times. To set the pace for his own company, he has established teams with responsibility for energy management in the 252 M & S stores and briefed the company's Building Group to improve energy efficiency in every possible way—while main- taining optimum comfort for staff and shoppers.

# Design for less heat loss

"Electricity accounts for the major part of our energy consumption," say M & S engineers, "and one of our most important aims is to conserve the heat produced by lighting, refrigeration and other applications. So we are widening our use of heat recovery and recirculation systems. Surplus

heat from refrigeration and sales floor lighting, for example, can be directed to backstage areas. We are also re- signing food display units to minimise 'spillage' of cold air, thus reducing refrigeration and space heating re- quirements.



"In stores with air conditioning, we are developing systems for closer control of the energy used for cir- culating air, and for pumping water in the ancillary equipment.

"And to keep our energy working for us, we're improving building in- sulation wherever possible. Better roofing, filling of wall cavities and double glazing, together with more discriminating use of thermostatic control, are all helping to cut heat waste."

# Looking at lighting efficiency

Here again, M & S policy is to in- crease efficiency without sacrificing standards. Good illumination is vital in sales areas—not only for attractive display, but also to ensure a strainfree



environment, and for safety on stairs and escalators. Throughout M & S stores and offices, the emphasis is on visual efficiency. New forms of mercury

halide and fluorescent lighting, both of which are 40 per cent more efficient than conventional fluorescent systems, are being introduced. With all forms of lighting continuous research is urged to achieve the highest standards of colour rendering in conjunction with these higher outputs.

# Energy effectiveness in new stores

With all new M & S stores incor- porating systems for heating and cool- ing recirculation, high-efficiency light- ing, and insulated structures, you might think these developments would satisfy the most energy-conscious management. "Yes, results are promising," say M & S. "But ours



is an on-going programme. Every in- stallation sets a standard for improve- ment. We're testing different con- servation methods all over the country. At M & S, full-scale energy manage- ment is now a fundamental part of our business."

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## OVERSEAS

## Greek junta were not old to lay down arms

By Mario Modiano

THE Athens court of appeal is trying 20 former officers on charges of treason and revolt for the 1967 coup, adjourned today until Saturday. It is due to consider its verdict.

Earlier, defence counsel tried to get a death sentence imposed on the defendants because Parliament, in a solution passed last October, described the offences as "political crimes". "The constitution forbids the death sentence in case of a political crime," Mr George Dyalinas, an ex-official counsel, declared.

He said that the defendants are not guilty of revolt since no one at any time gave them an order to lay down the arms, or even to go back to their "offices or units".

Under the military penal code, if three or more officers take up arms without authorisation and refuse to obey the first order of a superior to lay them down, they are guilty of revolt. There is a mandatory death sentence for the leaders and instigators, as well as for the senior officer taking part.

Mr Dyalinas argued that the defendants could not even be considered to be guilty of high treason as there was no evidence that they had coerced the head of state to act against his will or judgment.

"The King was able to choose the chief prosecutor of the Supreme Court to be Prime Minister, instead of the general suggested by the leaders of the revolution," the counsel said, and produced the decree signed by the King appointing the new Government after the coup.

The prosecution maintained that the King had refused to sign the decree imposing martial law but the defendants had falsely announced that he had. The defence lawyer today urged the judges to accept "mitigating circumstances" in the case of all the defendants because they had a clean record and their actions had not been prompted by base motives.

At this point, Mr George Papadopoulos and Mr Stylianos Pattakos, two of the chief defendants, who have refused to be defended, said the lawyer's request did not concern them.

In the Athens torture trial, Private Demetrios Litsas, one of the accused, changed his plea to "guilty" today and expressed his regret and repentance for taking part in the torture of political prisoners.

Mr Litsas told the court that he had changed his lawyer and would turn state evidence. He is the sixth of the 17 privates on trial who have agreed to confess. The 14 officers in the dock insist that there were no tortures.

The first witness today was Mr Stathis Panagoulis, the brother of Alexandros Panagoulis who staged the abortive attempt to kill Mr Papadopoulos in 1968. He said he had been ruthlessly beaten at the special interrogation section of the military police by guards who threatened to "drink your blood with a straw".

He had been sentenced to more than four years' imprisonment for trying to help his brother to escape and was sent to Boyatzis military prison to serve.

Mr Christos Tsironis, an employee of Olympic Airways, who said he had been tortured at the special section, took off his shirt and showed deep scars on his arms and chest, when defence counsel challenged his account.

## Russians buy up more grain

Washington, Aug 21.—Mr Richard Bell, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, said today that the Soviet Union had bought an additional 1.5 million metric tons of grain through international companies. Most of the grain would come from Argentina and Western Europe, he said.

In another announcement, the State Department disclosed that the United States was interested in receiving proposals on exchanging American grain for foreign oil.—Reuter.

## Darwin 'hell hole' ship to stay

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Aug 21

The Australian Government has extended its charter of the Greek liner *Paris*, anchored in Darwin harbour to provide emergency accommodation for the devastated city, despite criticism of the ship as a "hell hole".

The Government, which leased the *Chandris Lines* vessel for \$A15,000 a day (about £8,800) after Cyclone Tracy destroyed Darwin last Christmas, has extended the contract to November.

The 800 people who now live on the *Paris* represent virtually every aspect of Australian society, from professional people to manual labourers to prostitutes, such as a conglomeration in fact that the national weekly *The Bulletin* has suggested that

## Lawyers are still arguing about the custody of a former American President's papers and tapes

## Mr Nixon looks back on Watergate

From Fred Emery

Washington, Aug 21

Watergate returned with a thud of paper to Washington yesterday. Mr Richard Nixon, clearly alive and stonewalling in top form in San Clemente, provided 171 pages of his first public evidence on oath since resigning rather than face impeachment.

It was a deposition taken in July this year in support of his suit to regain his papers and tapes from Government custody. He was being questioned by "intervenor" in the case, parties who, as distinct from the public, are not entitled to see the papers and tapes made public.

On the question of the cover-up, Mr Nixon referred to what he called a "rather famous conversation" in which he had urged "cover-up" or anything else if it will save the plan. He said his next comment was that he preferred "the other way", and protested that it meant going openly with the Watergate crimes before a grand jury. "That has constantly been my position," he said.

Grand juries, of course, hold evidence secret, yet it was the readiness of some of Mr Nixon's chief men, such as Mr John Dean, to go before grand juries that caused the conspiracy. Asked if he agreed with Congress that the full story of Watergate should be made public, Mr Nixon said he had satisfied all the requests of

the special Watergate prosecutor.

One of the intervening counsel pressed the point that this dialogue ensued: Q: Do you believe that the public at large, as opposed to the special prosecutor, has a right to know the complete story?—Mr Nixon's second lawyer: The full story of what? Q: Watergate.—Second lawyer: What do you mean by "Watergate", counsel? The building? Q: No, I mean by Watergate, I am asking the question in this sense: All the activities that occurred after June 17, 1972, up through August 9, 1974, I only use the date because that was the date Mr Nixon resigned from office, relating to what is popularly described as the "cover-up". Now, if the witness knows what I mean by that, I would like him to answer.

Q: Counsel said counsel doesn't know what is meant by "Watergate".—Mr Nixon: If my counsel doesn't know, I would never put my wisdom above his. Mr Nixon's lawyers argued that the secret required by law, of what he told the Grand Jury placed him in an impossible position.

Intervening counsel, however, came back to the main point that it was only the matter of Mr Nixon's papers and tapes that they were concerned with. Congress, in an Act signed by President Ford, had placed them in government custody. Mr Nixon agreed, in substance, that at some time, but not now, the Watergate material (with qualifications, always with qualifications) should be made public through his presidential library.

One counsel acting for the intervenors is Mr William Dubrovir, a youngish Washington lawyer. He pressed Mr Nixon for a precise time, Mr Nixon, however, he had played a Nixon suit, to a cocktail party, for which he was duly rebuked by a judge.

Asked if he expected it to take longer than five years, Mr Nixon said: "I can't tell until I see how big the task is. Most of the tapes are not as audible as the one you played at that cocktail party."

The overpowering impression is that Mr Nixon wants to see himself in the line of the great presidents. Whatever else he did, he wants, through protecting the confidentiality of his papers, to protect those who went before and those who come after him. So he maintains.

This was the argument he used in vain before the Supreme Court to keep his tapes, but he has not given up.

## Quotas for whaling fleets are reduced

Tokyo, Aug 21.—Japanese whaling fleets in the Southern Hemisphere have had their catch quotas reduced heavily under a provisional international agreement reached in Tokyo, the Fishery Agency reported today.

It said that in the 1975-76 season Japan would be allowed to catch only 1,331 sei and 3,071 minke whales, compared with 2,292 and 3,500 respectively for the 1974-75 season.

The provisional quotas were announced after a week-long conference attended by South Africa, Brazil, Japan and the Soviet Union. The conference ended without full agreement, Brazil insisting on a larger share.

According to the provisional quotas, the Soviet Union will be allowed to catch 895 sei and 3,017 minke whales, compared with 1,608 and 3,500 for last season.

Brazil's share is four and 642, compared with three and 765 last season. South Africa will catch 134 minke whales.—Reuter.

## Athens admits seizure of US arms dump in Crete

From Our Correspondent Athens, Aug 21

The Greek Government admitted tonight that bombs and shells from aircraft worth up to £2.4m were seized by the Greeks from an American ammunition dump in Crete last year.

The removal took place in the last week of July when the Cypriot crisis was at a peak, posing a threat of war between Greece and Turkey. A United States embassy official said the loss was discovered recently and the Greek Government was notified promptly because it was responsible for the security.

## Russia denies expansion of submarine fleet

Moscow, Aug 21.—The Soviet Union today denounced as absurd the latest edition of the British naval guide *Jane's Fighting Ships* which lays emphasis on Russian development of submarines.

Tass said in a commentary that Captain John Moore, the book's editor, was trying to bring about a return to the cold war.

Captain Moore suggested in his latest edition that Soviet naval development exceeded the level that could be considered defensive. Tass said: "Moore's book is a biased and brushed away as those deserving no attention if he did not represent a whole group of influential people, who, despite the prevailing trends of the times, are trying to divert events."

The ship would provide excellent study opportunities for sociologists and psychologists.

From the very start things have not gone smoothly for the residents. Recently a petition was signed by 25 people on board asking for action to be taken to prevent drunken fights, obscene language and offensive behaviour, particularly towards a number of married women with children.

The petition claimed that there had been three attempted suicides by mothers and other women had received treatment for serious nervous disorders.

It went on to describe recent arrivals on the ship as being unkempt, unclean and of unkempt character, with "table manners that would disgrace a mongrel dog".

The trouble seems to be a combination of factors. All accommodation is shared in either two, four or six berth cabins. The two berth cabins are so small that it is said to be impossible to turn around in them while another person is present. When a new resident comes on board he is allocated to one of the 470 cabins, but has no control over whom he will share with.

## US and Russia want ban on new weapons

From Our Correspondent Geneva, Aug 21

A draft treaty to prohibit military use of environmental modification techniques was tabled today in the 30-nation disarmament conference by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The ban would apply to what the draft describes as techniques with "widespread, long-lasting or severe effects as the means of destruction, damage or injury".

It would not, however, hinder modification for peaceful purposes. Because the techniques are basically identical, irrespective of the envisaged application, the draft does not include a specific ban on military research and development.

Breaches of the treaty could be reported to the United Nations Security Council, and signatories would undertake to cooperate in carrying out any investigation which the Security Council may initiate.

In submitting the draft, Mr Joseph Martin, the United States delegate, referred to the "serious concern felt by many states, including my own, over the potential catastrophic dan-

gers to mankind if environmental modification techniques were to be developed as weapons of war."

At a joint news conference, he and Mr Alexei Roshchin emphasized that if environmental warfare was not yet practical on a militarily significant scale, it could be in the future.

They said the draft was no more than that, and would certainly be amended and made more precise when it was discussed at the disarmament conference during next year's session. "It is not by any means the last word," the Soviet delegate added.

A leading American advocate of restraints on environmental war, Senator Clayborne Pell (Democrat, Rhode Island), who came to Geneva for the tabling of the draft, said such weapons already existed in the minds of scientists, and would be a reality by the end of the century.

He refused suggestions that the United States and Russia were advocating a treaty that would be relatively easy to negotiate because such weapons did not yet exist, largely because they were unable to make progress on banning or restricting those that did exist.

## In brief

## SE Asia political unity move

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 21.—Five Asian neighbours who form the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) today edged closer to becoming a more tightly-knit political unit. Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, delegates from Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, decided to set up an inter-parliamentary organization.

## Fist of the law

Port Moresby, Aug 21.—The Papua New Guinea Parliament was suspended in uproar today after the country's police minister stormed across the floor of the House of Assembly and punched an opposition member who called him a "pumpkin head".

## Africa treaty review

Nairobi, Aug 21.—The president of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are expected soon to approve recommendations for a formal review of the Treaty of East African Cooperation, which created the present East African Community.

## Britain-Mauritius link

Port Louis, Mauritius, Aug 21.—A satellite earth station is to be built here, linking Mauritius with the United Kingdom through a communications satellite over the Indian Ocean.

## Bangladesh recognized

Washington, Aug 21.—The United States today formally announced that it recognized the new Government in Bangladesh and said there was no reason to doubt that aid would continue.

## No to Press Council

Sydney, Aug 21.—Australian newspapers have refused to discuss proposals submitted by Dr Moss Cass, the federal Media Minister, for a voluntary British-style Press Council.

## Police end strike

New York, Aug 21.—Leaders of an American striking police and firemen reached agreement on a pay settlement today, but no details of the agreement have been issued.

## Egypt invites Pope

Rome, Aug 21.—President Sadat has invited the Pope to visit Egypt, well-informed sources said here today.

## The identity crisis of a literary Los Angeles cop



"Ironically, it was my love for police work that forced the decision. I finally had to come to grips with the facts. So many people knew who I was, so many came to the station trying to see me. I'd become a celebrity and there were so many phone calls that the other detectives had to screen them from me. They made them my secretaries. I had to stop all that."

The actual ceremony of departure occurred on the day he received a radio call to investigate an armed robbery at a bar in downtown Los Angeles. "It was a very ugly scene. Several of the customers and staff had been pistol-whipped as well as robbed. But as soon as I arrived it was obvious that most of the witnesses were more interested in me—the celebrity—than in the crime itself. I asked the barman who was screaming blood from a pistol-whipping which hand the gunman had used, left or right. He replied: 'Tell me, Mr Wambaugh, what is George C. Scott really like?'"

"That evening I told my chief that it had all become impossible. So I left by the back door, with a whimper not a bang."

Wambaugh has been busy enough ever since but it has not been the same. Most of his work on television and film projects is done in Hollywood, a very different type of jungle from the ghetto areas of Los Angeles. "I still can't get over it. In the

police you might go on duty with a guy you don't like but there was always this unspoken assumption that you would do anything for each other in extreme situations. There was this extraordinary intimacy. In Hollywood there is no end of kissing and touching but you stand with your back to the wall all the time. The time? Guy right beside you could be after your ass and you know for a fact that the guy next to him is actually planning to sell your ass down the river."

Wambaugh is learning how to protect himself but the problem of how to protect the integrity of his own work is still not fully resolved. He is still baffled by the decision of the European film distributors to call the movie of his first book *Fractured* "It didn't like the movie much, but I still can't understand the reason for that change. They seemed to think that the idea behind the title, *The New Centurions*, was over people's heads so they wind up by substituting one that was completely phoney—we don't even have precincts in Los Angeles." The French, for some obscure reason, decided to ditch the last chapter of *The Union Field* in their edition and end with the penultimate one. "Strange," says Wambaugh, "it was a really desperate story but the original last chapter offered a little bit of hope. Maybe the French like to be in the pit." Wambaugh was, however, more indulgent about a change of title wrought by the Turks for their edition of the same work. "I asked a friend to translate and found they'd called it *The Bastards*."

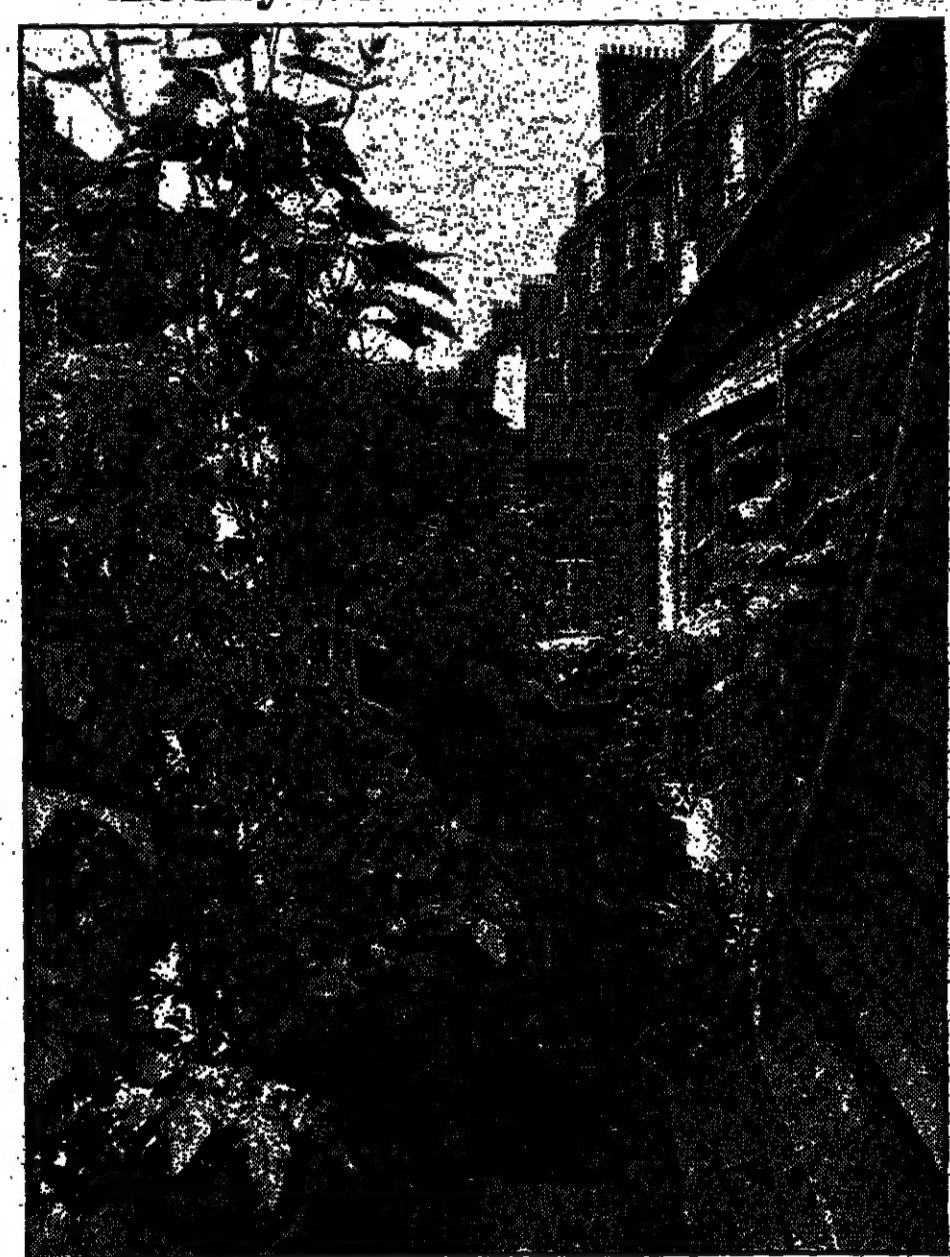
He has seen too little of Britain—this was his first visit—to comment on police attitudes over here but he was delighted by the letters he had received from serving police officers in this country. "I'm flattered," he said, "to find many of them saying that my books manage to capture the flavour of their experience of police work."

His own personal plans are now fluid in the extreme. "Before I became a novelist, almost by accident, I used to plan my life for years ahead. Now I'm happy to see my way through a day." He feels it time for a major change and is already in the process of selling his home in San Marino, California.

One thought is to move the family, lock, stock and typewriter to Honolulu but he preserves a wide-open mind. "London under the benign influence of a California-style heatwave was looking particularly lovely to Wambaugh's highly-trained and discriminating eye. "Maybe," he said, "we should move here." Let's hope so.

—Lewis Chester

## Growing vegetables in the roof trough outside the hay loft



From in front of the runner beans at one end of the roof terrace kitchen garden. Left, tomatoes and cucumber. Herbs, more tomatoes and oregano lead towards the perpetual spinach at the far end.

a single cordon up to the first truss, then I encouraged a side shoot to become a second cordon. As the second truss on each cordon, I began to encourage judicious bushing, cutting out some side shoots and keeping those which would result in really bushy shrubs. All were stopped at about four feet high (they were in pots on top of the parapet). The same treatment, but with a little less bushing, was applied to the Alicante. In both cases, results have been excellent and I am delighted with the yield. There have been neither pests nor troubles.

The other tomato plants have been *Sleaford Abundance* and *Pinkie* mainly in the season the *Sleafords* seemed to have all the honours, with prolific trusses and masses of fruit. On the whole, however, the fruit is not as good as that of the French Cross or the Alicante. Many of the tomatoes are small, but none the worse for that. But they lack firmness, and I like tomatoes really firm. The *Pinkies* have been very good indeed. Coming on a bit later than the *Sleafords*, they have become just as prolific and I have reaped off some side shoots, especially from the bottom of each plant, in case how long these last in pots in warm windows during the winter. The *Pinkie* is fleshy and of good flavour, easy to cut for salads or decoration. But I shall go for more French Cross and Alicante next year. Money-maker is boring, to my palate, and *Amateur* has little flavour.

However, tastes in tomatoes are strictly personal, and the same is true of spinach.

bers. The Kaga and Kyoto breeds are long, ripe, and juicy. The skins of these old-fashioned varieties are tough and I therefore peel them which I never do with greenhouse cucumbers. Another good cucumber variety is the *Carters Outdoor*. The fruits are short and pudgy, but ripen fast, and are really juicy, although the seeds tend to be large.

Avoid the vegetables are cuttings of foreign imports which have rooted over here—roofs can be sunny as well as protected, and I bring the pots indoors to bathroom and bedroom during the winter. Stalks of oleanander, hibiscus (a lovely blue one), and bougainvillea have come back with me from Corfu and grown into shrubs in London.

Drainage is important, less so than in shady patios for the sun and wind soon dry out rooftop pots. Watering needs to be easy. Never try to build a roof garden unless you can use a hose. Serf for a few pots if you need to carry watering cans up to each plant. My terrace is raised up by a base on the bathroom tap run through the window. The end of the hose has a spreading fan so that the water drips as the gentle rain from heaven, and I keep the foliage as sprinkled as the earth.

Rain rarely penetrates foliage to the earth beneath, so feel the earth in pots before deciding not to water. The little water-miscellaneous the roots try to climb to the surface where they may be burned by the sun.

—Sheila Black











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## SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit "The World of Franklin and Jefferson" exhibition at the British Museum on October 29.

Princess Anne will open the annual exhibition of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters in the Mall Galleries, London, on October 23.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will visit Settle, North Yorkshire, on September 23.

The Duchess of Kent, as Colonel in Chief of the Army Cadet Corps, will visit the group cadet scheme at Aldershot and later, as Controller-Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, will visit 10 Company WRAC, on October 15.

Princess Alexandra, as patron of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund, will visit Birch Hill at Northam, Northumberland, on September 17 and in the afternoon carry out engagements in Berwickshire and Ettrick and Lauderdale.

**Birthdays today**

Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, 68; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 56; Sir Richard Cawston, 63; Lord Citrine, 88; Professor Sir Cyril Askey Clarke, 68; Mr P. G. H. Fender, 83; Major-General G. H. Inglis, 73; General Wilfred Kinship, 82; Sir Martin Lindsay of Dowhill, 70; Mr Gerald Long, 52; Lieutenant Colonel Sir Brian Mountbatten, 76; Air Vice-Marshal M. E. M. Perkins, 68; Mr A. F. Tuke, 55.

## Latest wills

**Residue left among five charities**

Adrienne Elizabeth Crombie, of Westminster, left £165,513 net (no duty shown). She left £16,400 to personal legacies, and the residue equally among the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain, Cats Protection League, Anti-Vivisection Society, Our Dumb Friend League, and the Save Irish Horses Fund, Dublin.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Bridgewater, Mr Ernest Leslie, of Hongkong, formerly of South Kensington, musician and composer. £13,381.

Jenkin, Mr Tudor Morgan, of Porth, journalist. £29,235.

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## Today's engagements

Exhibition: Mosaics from Gilbert Collection, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.50.

Exhibition: Hall of Fame, portraits by G. F. Watts, National Portrait Gallery, 10-5.

Exhibition: English Toy Theatres, Pollock's Toy Museum, 1 Scala Street, Tottenham Court Road, 10-5.

Festival of Model Railways, Central Hall, Westminster, 12-8.30.

The Queen's Life Guard mounting ceremony, Horse Guards, Whitehall, 11.

## Luncheon

HMI Government

Mr Edward Rowlands, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at Lancaster House at a luncheon in honour of the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. Among those present were:

Mr. P. A. L. Diamond, a Law Commissioner, has been appointed Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on the retirement of Professor Sir Norman Anderson on September 30.

## University news

London

Professor A. L. Diamond, a Law Commissioner, has been appointed Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on the retirement of Professor Sir Norman Anderson on September 30.

Birmingham

Dr W. A. Litterer, MD, ChB (Liv), clinical lecturer in cardiovascular medicine at Oxford University, has been appointed to the British Heart Foundation Chair of Cardiology from October 1.

City

Dr S. H. Pryor, formerly managing director of the Chemical, Medical and General Life Insurance Society, has been appointed director of studies in natural science.

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## Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. C. M. Benthall and Mrs J. C. M. Benthall will take place shortly between Jonathan Charles Mackenzie, third son of Sir Paul and Lady Benthall, of Benthall Hall, near Bursley, Salop, and Miss E. J. Benthall, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. M. Benthall, of the Grove, Highgate Village, London, N6, and Mrs Nola Benthall, of Melbourne, Australia.

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## Academic equality between men and women shown in Oxford results

Oriel College, which finished bottom of the tables last year, again had the lowest percentage of firsts and seconds, but it had a higher number of firsts than last year. St Edmund's Hall was bottom of the Norrington table.

The top six colleges for percentages of firsts were: 1, University; 2, Balliol; 3, Hertford; 4, Merton; 5, New; 6, Somerville.

For percentages of firsts and seconds they were: 1, Jesus; 2, St Anne's; 3, Corpus Christi; 4, Merton; 5, Wadham; 6, St Catherine's.

According to the Norrington table they were: 1, University; 2, Merton; 3, Balliol; 4, Corpus Christi; 5, Jesus; 6, equal Wadham and Hertford.

The results table gives the number of candidates from each college who obtained first, second

| RESULTS TABLE    |     |      |     |       |                  |      |      |      |       |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Men's colleges   | I   | II   | III | Total | Men's colleges   | I    | II   | III  | Total |
| Balliol          | 19  | 62   | 12  | 93    | Balliol          | 20.4 | 67.7 | 12.9 | 101   |
| Brasenose        | 6   | 56   | 10  | 72    | Brasenose        | 8.3  | 77.8 | 13.9 | 100   |
| Christ Church    | 9   | 76   | 17  | 102   | Christ Church    | 8.8  | 74.5 | 16.7 | 100   |
| Corpus Christi   | 6   | 46   | 8   | 60    | Corpus Christi   | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Exeter           | 6   | 46   | 12  | 64    | Exeter           | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Hertford         | 16  | 66   | 18  | 100   | Hertford         | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Jesus            | 10  | 67   | 23  | 100   | Jesus            | 12.1 | 80.7 | 7.2  | 100   |
| Keele            | 9   | 64   | 18  | 91    | Keele            | 8.1  | 71.1 | 20.8 | 100   |
| Lincoln          | 16  | 66   | 18  | 100   | Lincoln          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Magdalen         | 11  | 58   | 14  | 83    | Magdalen         | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Merton           | 12  | 45   | 43  | 100   | Merton           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| New              | 17  | 68   | 15  | 100   | New              | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Oriel            | 10  | 52   | 38  | 100   | Oriel            | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| St Edmund's Hall | 4   | 73   | 16  | 93    | St Edmund's Hall | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| St John's        | 10  | 78   | 12  | 100   | St John's        | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| St Peter's       | 7   | 65   | 28  | 100   | St Peter's       | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Trinity          | 5   | 40   | 55  | 100   | Trinity          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| University       | 21  | 61   | 18  | 100   | University       | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Wadham           | 10  | 61   | 29  | 100   | Wadham           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Worcester        | 10  | 64   | 26  | 100   | Worcester        | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Total            | 283 | 1407 | 279 | 3969  | Total            | 283  | 1407 | 279  | 3969  |

| PERCENTAGE TABLE |      |      |      |       |                  |      |      |      |       |
|------------------|------|------|------|-------|------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Men's colleges   | I    | II   | III  | Total | Men's colleges   | I    | II   | III  | Total |
| Balliol          | 20.4 | 67.7 | 12.9 | 101   | Balliol          | 20.4 | 67.7 | 12.9 | 101   |
| Brasenose        | 8.3  | 77.8 | 13.9 | 100   | Brasenose        | 8.3  | 77.8 | 13.9 | 100   |
| Christ Church    | 8.8  | 74.5 | 16.7 | 100   | Christ Church    | 8.8  | 74.5 | 16.7 | 100   |
| Corpus Christi   | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   | Corpus Christi   | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Exeter           | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   | Exeter           | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Hertford         | 12.1 | 80.7 | 7.2  | 100   | Hertford         | 12.1 | 80.7 | 7.2  | 100   |
| Jesus            | 8.1  | 71.1 | 20.8 | 100   | Jesus            | 8.1  | 71.1 | 20.8 | 100   |
| Keele            | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Keele            | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Lincoln          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Lincoln          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Magdalen         | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Magdalen         | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Merton           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Merton           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| New              | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | New              | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Oriel            | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Oriel            | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| St Edmund's Hall | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | St Edmund's Hall | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| St John's        | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | St John's        | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| St Peter's       | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | St Peter's       | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Trinity          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Trinity          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| University       | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | University       | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Wadham           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Wadham           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Worcester        | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   | Worcester        | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Average          | 11.7 | 75.8 | 14.5 |       | Average          | 11.7 | 75.8 | 14.5 |       |

| NORRINGTON TABLE |      |      |      |       |                  |      |      |      |       |
|------------------|------|------|------|-------|------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Men's colleges   | I    | II   | III  | Total | Men's colleges   | I    | II   | III  | Total |
| Balliol          | 130  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Balliol          | 130  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Brasenose        | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Brasenose        | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Christ Church    | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Christ Church    | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Corpus Christi   | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Corpus Christi   | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Exeter           | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Exeter           | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Hertford         | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Hertford         | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Jesus            | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Jesus            | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Keele            | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Keele            | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Lincoln          | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Lincoln          | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Magdalen         | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Magdalen         | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Merton           | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Merton           | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| New              | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | New              | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Oriel            | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Oriel            | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| St Edmund's Hall | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | St Edmund's Hall | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| St John's        | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | St John's        | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| St Peter's       | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | St Peter's       | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Trinity          | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Trinity          | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| University       | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | University       | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Wadham           | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Wadham           | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Worcester        | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   | Worcester        | 120  | 314  | 62   | 506   |
| Total            | 3702 | 9272 | 1854 | 6528  | Total            | 3702 | 9272 | 1854 | 6528  |

| WOMEN'S COLLEGES |     |      |     |       |                  |      |      |      |       |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Women's colleges | I   | II   | III | Total | Women's colleges | I    | II   | III  | Total |
| Balliol          | 19  | 62   | 12  | 93    | Balliol          | 20.4 | 67.7 | 12.9 | 101   |
| Brasenose        | 6   | 56   | 10  | 72    | Brasenose        | 8.3  | 77.8 | 13.9 | 100   |
| Christ Church    | 9   | 76   | 17  | 102   | Christ Church    | 8.8  | 74.5 | 16.7 | 100   |
| Corpus Christi   | 6   | 46   | 8   | 60    | Corpus Christi   | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Exeter           | 6   | 46   | 12  | 64    | Exeter           | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Hertford         | 16  | 66   | 18  | 100   | Hertford         | 13.3 | 78.0 | 8.7  | 100   |
| Jesus            | 10  | 67   | 23  | 100   | Jesus            | 12.1 | 80.7 | 7.2  | 100   |
| Keele            | 9   | 64   | 18  | 91    | Keele            | 8.1  | 71.1 | 20.8 | 100   |
| Lincoln          | 16  | 66   | 18  | 100   | Lincoln          | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Magdalen         | 11  | 58   | 14  | 83    | Magdalen         | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Merton           | 12  | 45   | 43  | 100   | Merton           | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| New              | 17  | 68   | 15  | 100   | New              | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
| Oriel            | 10  | 52   | 38  | 100   | Oriel            | 12.6 | 69.7 | 17.7 | 100   |
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## Link suggested between aspirin and stillbirth

By Our Medical Correspondent

Women who take aspirin regularly during pregnancy tend to have small babies and to have more still births than average, a report in *The Lancet* today says.

Two articles from Dr Gillian Turner and Dr Edith Collins, of the Children's Medical Research Foundation in Sydney, Australia, state that women who regularly take tablets or powders containing aspirin are likely to become anaemic in pregnancy and to develop complications at or around birth and that their babies' health may also be affected.

Aspirin is effective in relieving pain, fever and inflammation because it blocks the action of a hormone, prostaglandin, known to play a vital role in labour. Some effect on child-bearing might have been expected from its use, so the Australian doctors set out to find whether it was of practical importance.

Tests on the urine of pregnant women in Sydney showed that about seven in every 100 regularly took aspirin, usually bought from a chemist without

## Tall ships gather for regatta on the Thames

By a Staff Reporter

A yacht race to Australia, a barge driving competition and canoe and skiff racing will be part of the nine-day Port of London Regatta, which opens tomorrow and is to be held in conjunction with the London Festival of Sail.

The festival, organised by the Association of Sea Training Organizations, will bring together about 80 sail training vessels, including many from the world's largest, from Europe, Russia, Poland and Romania are sending ships to the event, the most spectacular assembly of sailing ships in London in modern times.

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# Distillers

**Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Sir Alex McDonald, circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1975**

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON RESULTS

The trading profit for the year ended 31st March 1975 amounted to £79.8 million, a reduction of £9.3 million compared with the results of the previous year. Purchases by our customers in anticipation of the increase in export prices made in January 1974 transferred into the previous year a substantial volume of exports of both Scotch Whisky and Gin which would otherwise have taken place in the year under review. In other areas the year was a disappointing one. Profitability in the home market was restricted by rising costs, price control and the delays inherent in the procedures for obtaining price increases. The results of some of our other United Kingdom operations were adversely affected by difficult trading conditions, particularly in the cases of the Carbon Dioxide Company and the Peerless Refining Company. Elsewhere we had similar problems, especially in Australia, where our subsidiary Companies had to contend with swinging increases in duty and a high rate of cost inflation.

As will be seen from the Group profit and loss account, an increase of £4 million in interest charges contributed to the reduction in profits, so that after deducting taxation and minority shareholders' interests and adding our share of the results of United Glass the profit before extraordinary items was £34.6 million or 9.5p, per share compared with £42.5 million and 11.7p, last year. A special supplementary contribution to the Group pension fund of £2.5 million is the main extraordinary item. This is the additional sum after tax which we were advised by the consulting actuary was required at 31st March 1975 to fund the liabilities of the United Kingdom scheme. The shortfall arose from the effect of inflation upon pay levels since the fund was last valued three years ago. Unless inflation can quickly be brought under control it is very doubtful whether schemes providing pensions related to final salary will be able to continue in their present form.

The surplus attributable to the Company was £31.0 million. Your directors now recommend a final dividend of 3.3885p, per share. An interim of 2.0125p, per share has already been paid, making the total distribution for the year 5.381p, per share. Together with the associated tax credit the total distribution is equivalent to 8.18604p, per share compared with 7.44187p, per share last year.

The Group balance sheet shows that the value of stocks has increased by £69.4 million. A proportion of this figure is attributable to increased volume but the major part is a result of the high prices of raw materials and other greater manufacturing costs. As a result of the reduction in our distilling programme announced in December 1974 the increase in the value of stocks during the current year, although still substantial, will be somewhat lower. On the other hand, debtors at the year end showed a relatively small increase but must be expected to rise sharply this year as a result of the massive additional burden of duty imposed by the Chancellor in his April Budget.

To fund part of the increased working capital required, available resources were augmented by a £25 million consortium bank loan repayable in 1979.

When changes in the purchasing power of the pound are taken into account, the Group profit before extraordinary items was £32.9 million compared with £42.3 million for the previous year, equivalent to 9.1p, per share compared with 11.6p. Due to the very high level of inflation the net addition to equity interest during the year of £9.7 million wholly relates to the benefit derived from obtaining part of our financial requirements by way of long-term loans. The reduction in purchasing power of these loans by itself represented a gain of £19.1 million.

## SCOTCH WHISKY

In the earlier part of the year the prices of cereals reached unprecedented levels and, although there has been some falling off in recent months, the increases in costs which have occurred over the years since our stocks of mature Scotch Whisky were laid down present us with a serious problem in making financial provision for their replacement. This particular consideration, coupled with limitations at that time upon the availability of additional long-term finance, was the major reason for our decision to reduce the production of new Whisky as from 1st January last to a level which was within our resources. Fortunately, in producing our existing stocks of maturing whiskies we had in the past made allowance for a number of contingencies which, in our present judgment, are unlikely to emerge and thus no restriction need currently be apprehended as regards the availability of our major brands.

For most of the year our blending and bottling plants faced a multiplicity of problems arising from bottle and material shortages, from disruption of distribution services during the transport drivers' strike and from a number of internal strikes. Cumulatively, these combined to create circumstances in which our blending and bottling companies were, on a number of occasions,

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS for year ended 31st March

|   | 1975<br>£'000 | 1974<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Turnover                                | 617,111       | 542,127       |
| Group profit before tax                 | 73,776        | 86,971        |
| Profit after tax and minority interests | 34,616        | 42,533        |
| Extraordinary items                     | 3,682         | 16,988        |
| Surplus after extraordinary items       | 30,934        | 25,545        |
| Dividends                               | 19,542        | 18,421        |
| Earnings per share                      | 9.53p         | 11.71p        |
| Dividends per share                     | 5.38p         | 5.07p         |

unable to meet all the needs of their customers but on the whole supplies to the consumer were maintained reasonably well.

Owing to the limitations imposed by finance, some of our capital investment programme has had to be deferred. We have, however, continued the plan to expand the distillation capacity at Port Dundas. For some time the availability of barley malt from our own maltings has been insufficient for our forecast requirements. Arrangements are now proceeding for the enlargement of our existing maltings at Hillside and Ord.

The extension to our blending and bottling plant at Leven, Fife, is making excellent progress and the additional production lines should be in operation this year. To meet the longer-term projections of sales a completely new blending and bottling establishment is now under construction at Shieldhall, Glasgow, and is scheduled for completion in 1978. This plant will be operated by John Walker & Sons Ltd. and will be supplementary to their existing facilities at Kilmarnock.

In the home market the year opened with a duty increase which, although the first for some five years, was nevertheless unwelcome. It widened the gap between the taxes imposed by the United Kingdom and those in the rest of the EEC, which the member countries are committed eventually to close by the process of harmonisation. Despite the higher duty, the industry's sales at home increased to a new record. The market remained intensely competitive but the percentage increase in sales of Group brands was ahead of that achieved by the industry as a whole. In this performance all our major companies participated, with Dewar and Walker achieving above-average results.

We continued to experience substantial advances in the cost of wages, salaries, bottles and other materials and these led to successful notifications to the Price Commission of increases in home trade prices starting on 1st January 1975 and following on with others at three-monthly intervals up to the present time.

As has been the practice for many years, strong representations were made to the Chancellor on the very high rate of duty levied on spirits compared with other beverages and the heavy financial burden imposed upon members of the industry by the need to fund this duty during the traditional period of trade credit. At certain times of the year this has required in the past the commitment of financial resources by the industry to the extent of about £75 million. Despite these approaches, the Budget in April of this year further increased the rate of duty by nearly 30%. No assistance has been forthcoming on the problem of funding even the additional duty which in itself will at times require the availability of another £25 million. The industry's burdens at home are thus considerably heavier. The Government now reaps £2.58 in excise duty on every bottle sold in this country and, with Value Added Tax being payable on the duty-paid price, the VAT element has gone up correspondingly.

As mentioned earlier, export prices of the Group's standard brands were increased in January 1974. Our experience on previous occasions has been that following upon such an increase our market share is initially much impaired and this occasion was no exception. Over-all, we did not participate in the expansion in exports during the last financial year, although, of course, there were some exceptions to that generality.

In the United States the year opened with the threat of a longshoremen's strike on the East Coast which would have closed the ports from the beginning of October. The bulk of our Christmas trade there was thus at stake and very large orders, particularly for Dewar's

White Label and Johnnie Walker Red Label and Black Label, were received for early shipment. The first six months of the year, therefore, were extremely busy and the effect of the reduction in business confidence in the U.S., coupled with increased unemployment and short-time working there, was perhaps obscured. Thus, when the threatened strike was called off, the immediate reduction in demand was not ascribed to the principal causes as seen in retrospect. After the completion of the Christmas trade, however, it was clearly necessary for us to revise our sales budgets for this market.

Despite this, Dewar's White Label and the Johnnie Walker brands continued to occupy leading positions in the U.S. market and one has every confidence that they will share in the improvement in sales which should follow an upturn in that economy.

The German market, after three disappointing years, showed considerable improvement.

In Japan the year has been one of consolidation; following shipment of large supplies last year. Competition is growing but I am glad to report that White Horse, Haig and Old Parr continued to make good progress, while Johnnie Walker remained by far the leading brand there. In Australia, New Zealand and throughout the Pacific Johnnie Walker also maintained a dominant position.

Some success has been achieved in Canada, particularly in British Columbia. In South America the Venezuelan market remained strong and our brands, headed by Buchanan's de-luxe and Black & White and followed by Johnnie Walker, Haig Dimple and Old Parr, continued to develop their business most successfully.

In Africa the demand from developing countries improved but competition was intense. In South Africa, White Horse retained the leading position.

In Italy VAT on Scotch Whisky was recently raised to 30%, a most discriminatory measure, for in respect of spirits produced from grapes the rate remained at 12%. We are doing everything possible through official channels to have this blatant breach of the EEC rules eliminated.

During the year an exceptionally large number of foreign Governments introduced heavy tax or duty increases. The main markets involved were Australia, Canada and Mexico with increases equivalent to 55p., 24p. and 70p. per bottle respectively. One cannot but reflect that the Governments of these and other countries are influenced in this regard by the policy of H.M. Government who are, regrettably, leaders in the field of heavy taxation of our products.

## GIN

Although affected to some extent by shortages of bottles and other materials in the period before Christmas, sales of our brands of Gin in the home market showed an appreciable increase. With diminishing profits and continually rising costs it became necessary to notify price increases starting with one on 1st January and thereafter at three-monthly intervals. The heavy duty increase imposed in the Budget this April also led to a considerable rise in the retail selling price of our brands of Gin, the long-term effect of which in terms of sales cannot yet be measured.

Shipments to export markets exceeded the figures of the previous year and I am pleased to report that sales of Tanqueray Gin in both the USA and Canada, in spite of prevailing economic conditions, continued to show most satisfactory gains. As regards countries where our brands of Gin are locally produced, both Gordon's and Booth's High & Dry recorded useful increases in the United States and sales of Gordon's in Spain showed substantial progress.

In spite of the general recession in trade, world-wide sales of Group brands of Gin reached a record level.

## VODKA

The growth in the sales of Cossack Vodka in the home market continued, although the market remained extremely competitive. In the United States Gordon's Vodka achieved further progress.

## PIMM'S

The encouraging increase in the sales of Pimm's in the UK market which I reported last year was not maintained. The poor summer in 1974 undoubtedly had an inhibiting effect. Nevertheless, the prospects for Pimm's remain bright.

## COGNAC HINE

In common with most Cognac houses, Hine experienced a difficult year in terms of over-all sales and profits.

The company emerged from the year well equipped to support increased sales in the future while, at the same time, maintaining the high quality of its brands.

## AUSTRALIA

The results of the United Distillers Pty. Ltd. suffered a severe setback due to the difficult economic situation in Australia and in particular the further sharp increase in duty imposed in July 1974. This led to a serious fall in sales of the Company's products and to a substantial loss on trading.

Tolley, Scott & Tolley Ltd. also had a difficult year, during which sales of their Australian brandy were much affected by the steep rise in the rate of duty.

## FOOD GROUP

The Yeast and Food Division had a successful year with increased turnover and a further improvement in profitability. The sale of food products to the catering and bakery trades continued to expand and the return upon capital employed was satisfactory. Sales of Bakers' and Distillers' Yeasts in the United Kingdom were maintained but exports of Active Dried Yeast were reduced in the second half of the year.

The Peerless Refining Company had a difficult year. The subsidy on butter caused a reduction in the demand for margarine and exceptionally high prices for oils and fats lowered consumption for manufacturing purposes. As a result, sales and profits were considerably reduced.

## CARBON DIOXIDE

The results of our Carbon Dioxide operations were seriously affected by the general economic climate. Costs escalated sharply to an extent which substantially outweighed the increases in price which could be obtained. At the same time, growth was restricted and sales in terms of volume showed only a very small increase on the previous year's level. As a consequence, profits were much reduced.

## UNITED GLASS LIMITED

The consolidated profit of United Glass in the calendar year 1974 was £5,510,000 before taxation compared with £5,625,000 in the previous year.

Lost production caused by disruptive disputes in those industries which provide the divisions with essential supplies and services made it impossible to meet all customers' requirements. However, each division either maintained or exceeded previous production levels and this reflected the growing benefits of the planned investment programme of recent years.

It seems clear from the experience of the early months of 1975 that a quite dramatic collapse in demand for glass containers of all types has occurred. This is producing somewhat different problems for the management in the current year but the Company remains soundly based to take advantage of market opportunities.

## PERSONNEL

Our personnel again demonstrated their ability to cope with the adverse conditions in which business was conducted last year. Their achievements in the circumstances deserve our appreciation and thanks.

## FUTURE PROSPECTS

The demand for Scotch Whisky in export markets, so strong over past years, has shown particular weakness in the USA since last Christmas. In many other parts of the world consumption remains encouraging and the prospect for sales reasonable. As regards profitability it is hardly possible to comment usefully on the future at a time when our Government is making further attempts to contain inflation. Our future is very much dependent upon the outcome of these efforts.

The Ninety-eighth Annual General Meeting of The Distillers Company Limited will be held at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1975, at 12.15 p.m.

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